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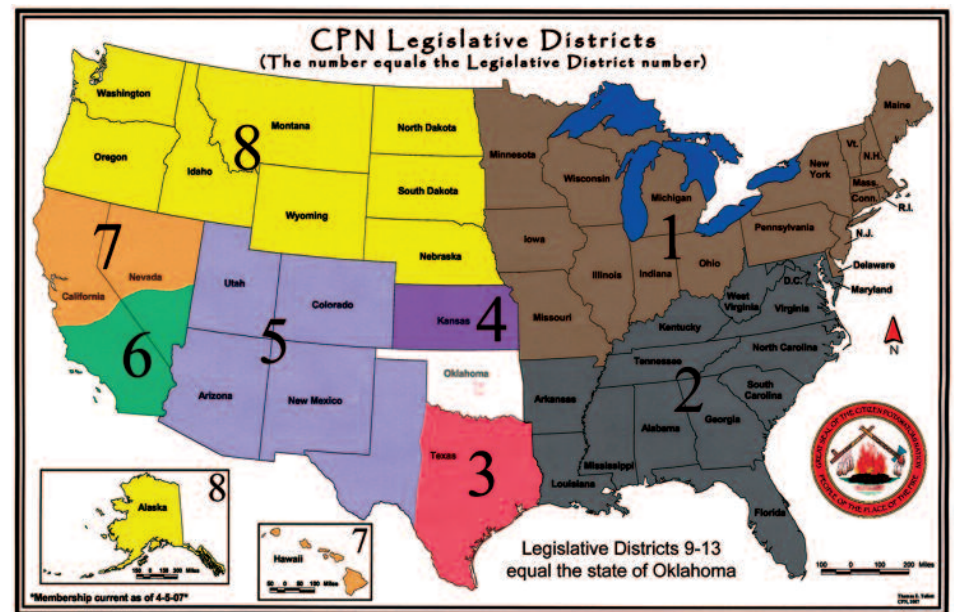
Run-offs to be contested in seven districts

Legislative election heads into overtime

Citizen Potawatomi Nation voters must wait until March 29 to learn the identities of seven of the tribal members who will occupy seats in the Nation's new legislature. In those seven races, no candidate received a majority of the votes cast in the race. Run-offs will occur in districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 10.

In addition to the five existing Business Committee members, whose membership in the legislature was grandfathered in by the CPN constitution revision, legislators have been elected to represent Districts 6, 7, 9, and 11. Ron Goyer, Thom Finks, Paul Wesselhoft, and Lisa Kraft have been elected in Districts 6, 7, 9, and 11, respectively.

In District #1, Roy V. Slavin of Kansas City, Missouri and William Pearce of Rochester, New York survived into the run-off, which will see voting conclude on Saturday, March 29, 2008. Norma Neely of Kirksville, Missouri, Candace Walter of Pennsburg, Pennsylvania, Michael G. Smith of Naytahwaush, Minnesota, and Jon Stephen Smith of Rochester, New York were also candidates for the District #1 seat. *(For vote totals, see the chart on*



This map shows the boundaries of the new legislative districts. Legislative districts 9-13 each comprise the entire state of Oklahoma.

page 5. A map depicting the boundaries of the legislative districts also accompanies the article.)

The District #2 run-off contestants are Eva Marie Carney of Arlington, Virginia and Ralph Henry (Bergeron) Bazhaw of

Pleasant Garden, North Carolina. James Wendell Higbee of Mobile, Alabama, Anthony Cole of Chalmette, Louisiana, and Michael Shane Cory of Stafford, Virginia were also district #2 candidates.

In Texas, the District #3 run-off will feature Brian K. Walker of Tatum and Robert M. 'Bob' Whistler of Bedford. Myron Glen Johnson of Trophy Club, Traci Garcia of Euless, and Andrew Thomas Walters of Oak Ridge North were the other district #3 candidates.

In Kansas, the District #4 run-off contenders are Hubert L. 'Hurb' Adams of Rossville and Theresa Marie Adame of Topeka. The other three candidates who competed in District #4 are Janet L. Grey and Amy Rose Herrick, both of Topeka, and Alan Becker of Lakin.

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From the four-candidate field in District #5, Edwin M. 'Ed' Burns of Rocky Ford, Colorado and Eunice Imogene 'Gene' Lambert of Mesa, Arizona moved into the run-off. Shanna Larsen of Englewood, Colorado and Mickki Langston of Lakewood, Colorado were the other candidates.

In District #8, William Edward Anderson of Whitefish, Montana and Jacqueline Taylor of Astoria, Oregon are in the run-off. Clyde Slavin of Vancouver, Washington was also a District #8 candidate.

In District #10, the entire state of Oklahoma, David Joe Barrett of Shawnee and Jason N. O'Neal of Stonewall are the run-off candidates. James R. Blevins of Verden and Elva Campbell of Davis were the other District #10 candidates.

In District #9, which also represents the entire state of Oklahoma, Paul Wesselhoft of Moore defeated Kimberly Carol Self of Shawnee.

Absentee Ballot Request forms will soon be mailed to CPN voters in districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 10. The ballot request must be postmarked no later than March 9, 2008. Voted absentee ballots must be received at the CPN Election Committee's Tecumseh, Oklahoma post office box no later than 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 29, 2008.

Following the August 2007 approval of a constitutional revision, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation is transitioning from a five-member Business Committee to the 16-member legislature. The transition is designed to devolve more government authority to the two-thirds of CPN members who live outside the state of Oklahoma. It also marks an extraordinary release of government/political power by the three members of the Executive Committee.

Under the previous government structure, the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary-Treasurer controlled three of the five votes in the Nation's legislative body. In the legislative body, they have just three of 16 votes.

Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett has frequently discussed plans for a second phase of the government makeover. When proposed as a constitutional amendment, it would involve moving the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary-Treasurer into a separate Administrative branch while setting up the final three legislative seats - numbers 14, 15, and 16. Holders of those seats will represent CPN members from all



Here, Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett administers the oath of office to new CPN legislators Lisa Kraft of Stillwater (top) and Paul Wesselhoft of Moore as Vice Chairman Linda Capps holds the Bible.

over Oklahoma.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation officials believe the Nation is the first tribal government that has divided the entire United States into legislative districts to allow members who live away from the tribe's governmental jurisdiction to have representation on its decision-making body. The CPN legislature will meet using state-of-the-art teleconferencing equipment. The Oklahoma legislators will gather in a new legislative chamber at the Nation's Shawnee headquarters. Those from outside the state will be connected to the meeting via a video/audio screen that will allow them to hear and see activities in Shawnee and at the sites where each of the other seven outside-Oklahoma lawmakers are.

A membership ordinance, referred to a vote of CPN members by the Business Committee, was approved by 911 to 250. It implements Article 3, Section 1(f) of the revised constitution, which reads: The Business Committee shall have power to prescribe rules and regulations covering future membership including adoptions

and the loss of membership, subject to confirmation by a majority of the votes cast for a General Council referendum containing such rules and regulations in a regular or special election.

The Membership Ordinance also takes into account the constitution's Article 3, Section 1(g): No member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation may hold membership in any other Indian tribe.

The Membership Ordinance sets out five conditions with regard to relinquishment of CPN membership: (1) Any adult Member may relinquish their membership; (2) No one may relinquish membership for another adult member; (3) Conditional relinquishment is allowed pending transfer of membership to another tribe; (4) No voluntarily relinquished membership may be restored; and (5) Any minor relinquished by a parent or guardian may apply for membership after age 18.

According to the ordinance, disenrollments could happen under these conditions: (1) Erroneous enrollment, i.e. (ineligibility) at time of enrollment; Acceptance

of land or money benefits from another tribe after August 16, 2007, the effective date of the Revised Constitution of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation; or (3) Refus(al) to relinquish membership in another tribe or fail(ure) to respond to notice to relinquish from another tribe in violation of the Revised Constitution of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Finally, the new ordinance sets up a disenrollment process: (1) Notice shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the intent to disenroll by a hearing before the Tribal Legislature; (2) Determination of cause for disenrollment by a hearing before the Tribal Legislature and disenrollment at that hearing for cause by majority vote; (3) Notice shall be sent of disenrollment and the right to appeal the decision to the Tribal Legislature within 30 days of the return receipt of the notice; (4) The Tribal Legislature shall decide timely filed appeals by majority vote; and (5) The decision of The Tribal Legislature is final.

No disenrolled member shall be eligible for future enrollment.

Meanwhile, a filing period for full four-year terms for Districts #9 and #12, both representing all CPN members in Oklahoma, has been scheduled for February 25, 26, and 27. Candidates can send their filing papers and \$150.00 filing fee to CPN Election Committee, 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee OK 74801. Or, the candidates can file in person at the CPN Administration Building at that address. If mailed or sent via a package delivery company, the filing papers and fee must arrive no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 27, 2008.

Incumbents in Districts #9 and #12, respectively, are Paul Wesselhoft and Paul Schmidtkofer. Rep. Wesselhoft was elected on February 2 to a term that expires on Saturday, June 28, 2008. His initial term was just a few months long as part of establishing staggered terms of office for legislators.

As an existing member of the Business Committee, Rep. Schmidtkofer transitioned to a legislative seat.

Candidates for the Districts #9 and #12 legislative seats must be at least 18 years old no later than Saturday, June 28, 2008.

Notice
Absentee Ballot Request
deadline for the run-off
election - March 9, 2008

EVA MARIE CARNEY

for District #2 Legislator



An Open Letter to the Voters of District #2:

I am honored to have received your votes, which have placed me in the District #2 Legislator run-off election. Please support me again so that I can represent you in the historic, newly created national Citizen Potawatomi Nation Legislature. My Potawatomi lineage traces back to Josette Vieau Juneau, a strong woman said to be the granddaughter of Chief Ah-ke-ne-poway whose legacy I am proud to continue.

Your vote for me is a vote for integrity, experience, hard work, and consensus building. I graduated from high school in Alabama, and received my college and law degrees from schools in California. I then moved back to the South and have lived in Virginia for almost 25 years. I have worked in all three branches of government and served as an active volunteer in my community. In all, I strive to work hard as a member of a team, enjoy learning from other people, and pledge to serve District #2 to the best of my ability. Please allow me to put my skills to your service.

I've identified a number of important challenges that, working together, we could successfully meet. The first challenge is communication: As a candidate I learned that there is no database of email addresses for CPN members, let alone one that sorts us by District. This means it is not possible for our Tribe to communicate in the most cost-effective way with its members, or to target messages to particular areas of the country where they matter most. I would like to make sure that the new Legislature oversees the creation and regular updating of that database, while respecting individual members' privacy and all of our shared interest in not receiving mail we won't read.

Since trips to Shawnee may be difficult for many of us, I also would like to see the Tribe help with financing of personal computers with high speed internet access so that every Potawatomi household can be connected online if they want to view Legislative hearings and debates and take advantage of opportunities to learn our ceremonies and language. Among the long-term challenges I want to work toward are expanding opportunities for our young people to receive higher education financial assistance and assuring that no CPN family goes without health insurance. Both will take planning and require significant outlay of funds.

You would do me a great honor if you select me as your representative to the CPN Legislature and work with me to successfully meet the challenges of our proud Tribe in the 21st century.

Sincerely,
Eva Marie Carney

Geothermal on a Grand Scale

By Kelly Green, *Geo Outlook* magazine

At the Citizen Potawatomi Nation (CPN) in Shawnee, Oklahoma, geothermal technology has a pretty positive reputation. With four of the tribe's major enterprises employing the technology and saving the tribe about \$20,000 a month on energy costs, it is not hard to see why. According to its Web site, the CPN is a nation that "believes strongly that economic development which benefits the entire community is in the best interest of both tribal members and non-Indians."

To this end, CPN Public Works Director Richard Kunze said geothermal exceeds their expectations. "For our part of the world, it's the most applicable," Kunze said. "When you compare cost to savings, geothermal makes the most sense."

FireLake Grand Casino is the tribe's largest and most recent geothermal project. The 200,000-square-foot facility houses 1,800 Vegas-style games, three restaurants and an entertainment venue. More than 35 miles of pipe was required to provide Firelake Grand with 1,000 tons of HVAC capacity. The casino opened its doors in grand fashion in October 2006.

A Successful Track Record

Geothermal was selected for the FireLake project because of its successful track record with the tribe. Chairman John Barrett mandated CPN's first geothermal application for the expansion of the tribe's health clinic in 1999. "Our chairman has a lot of vision and a lot of foresight," Kunze said. "He stays in touch with state-of-the-art technology and opportunities to make money and save money. He was a



The CPN's successful use of geothermal energy is chronicled in a recent edition of the IGSHPA's Geo Outlook magazine. The association's affiliate in China will soon publish the article there.

big believer in geo when I arrived."

Satisfied with the results at the health clinic and curious whether or not geothermal could benefit the tribe in future projects, Kunze then contacted geothermal experts Drs. Jim Bose and Marvin Smith at Oklahoma State University. "With a quick tour of the facilities including the golf course, which offers some water for heat exchangers,

they were quick to seize on a bunch of opportunities to make geothermal applications," Kunze said.

Following their advice, CPN utilized a pond on the first tee of the golf course as the heat exchanger for its second geothermal installation at the cultural heritage center. Well water used to irrigate the golf course was routed to that pond to create a constant flow. Copper

pipes were submersed in the pond to provide about 100 tons of capacity for the 36,000-square-foot facility. Last, CPN also elected to install geothermal for its travel plaza. The 12-ton system utilizes 12 vertical boreholes.

A Grand Affair

Even with their gained experience and confidence in geothermal, CPN knew that the installation at FireLake Grand Casino would be like nothing they had ever done before. The 1,000-ton system required ground heat exchangers buried in soil and submersed in water. The tribe utilized a lagoon that holds treated wastewater to submerge 120,000 feet of 1¼-inch high density polyethylene pipe. In addition, they needed 100 boreholes drilled to 400 feet deep. A third set of pipe is also submersed in the basin of a fountain located at the entrance of the casino.

Installation was completed entirely by tribal employees. CPN assembled the team during the heritage center project when they realized geothermal would continue to be an option for them in future projects. Geo-Enterprises Inc., a Tulsa-based design and distribution firm, served as consultants for capacity, volume, piping and equipment selection, Kunze said.

Despite the massive amount of pipe necessary for the job, Donny Vaughan geothermal manager for CPN, said installation was fairly simple and straightforward. "It was pretty much an empty slate to put the installation in," Vaughan said. "Once we got all the boreholes drilled and got everything set up for the headers and got everything in,

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Legislative Election Results

Absentee Walk-in Total				District #5			
District #1				<i>Edwin Burns</i> 38 0 38			
<i>William J. Pearce</i>	31	0	31	Mickki Langston	19	0	19
Michael G. Smith	14	0	14	Shanna Larsen	27	0	27
<i>Roy Slavin</i>	38	0	38	<i>Gene Lambert</i>	31	0	31
John Stephen Smith	4	0	4				
Candace Lee Walter	15	0	15	District #6			
Norma June Neely	25	0	25	Ronald W. Goyer	Unopposed		
District #2				District #7			
<i>Ralph H. Bazhaw</i>	20	0	20	Thomas Finks	Unopposed		
<i>Eva Marie Carney</i>	36	0	36				
James Higbee	17	0	17	District #8			
Anthony Cole	12	0	12	<i>Jacqueline Taylor</i>	31	0	31
Michael Shane Cory	7	0	7	<i>William Anderson</i>	48	0	48
				Clyde Slavin	27	0	27
District #3							
<i>Robert Whistler</i>	24	0	24	District #9			
<i>Brian Walker</i>	27	0	27	Paul Wesselhoft	117	77	194
Andrew T. Walters	9	0	9	Kimberly C. Self	138	21	159
Myron Glenn Johnson	22	0	22				
Traci Agnew Garcia	17	0	17	District #10			
District #4				James Blevins	52	17	69
Alan Becker	21	0	21	Elva Campbell	37	0	37
<i>Hubert Adams</i>	34	0	34	<i>Jason N.O'Neal</i>	58	36	94
Janet L. Grey	26	0	26	<i>David Joe Barrett</i>	112	43	155
<i>Theresa Adame</i>	31	0	31				
Amy Rose Herrick	23	0	23	District #11			
				Lisa Kraft	Unopposed		

Run-off contestants are italicized

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Student Housing Assistance

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Housing Authority (CPNHA) provides monetary assistance of \$675.00 per spring and fall semesters for housing expenses to Tribal Members who are pursuing a higher education. Eligibility for this program requires the student to meet all of the following criteria:

- * Receive the Tribal Scholarship and/or the Higher Education Grant from the tribe.
- * Pursuing a 4-Year degree or better.
- * Taking a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester for undergraduate studies or 9 credit hours per semester for graduate and post-graduate studies. Summer hours are not eligible for funding.

Upon meeting the above criteria the student is eligible to receive an application for the housing grant. Please keep in mind that Tribal Rolls and Housing are separate departments. **We do not share documents.** With that being said, you must turn in the following upon receiving the application:

- * All pages of the application (We provide a step-by-step guide to assist in filling out the application)
- * Income information (If self-supported, provide the first page of student's income tax return. Provide the first page of the parents' return if they provide support.)
- * Proof of credit hours (a current class schedule showing credit hours taken).
- * Proof of completed credits from the previous semester (fall or spring, whichever applies) is required.
- * Co-pay information (University, landlord, Mortgage Company, etc.)

Spring Deadline is March 15th - Fall Deadline is November 15th

We have had a tremendous response for the Student Housing Assistance Program. In order to process all applications in a timely fashion, we ask that you please read the brochure provided and fill out the application in its entirety, including all requested documentation.

You may call us at 405-273-2833 if you have any questions about your application. It is our pleasure to serve you. However, we do have program guidelines as with any program. Please note that **FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION WILL ONLY DELAY THE PROCESS OR RESULT IN YOUR BEING DENIED ASSISTANCE FOR THE SEMESTER.**

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Changes in Tribal Rolls Scholarships

By Charles Clark, Tribal Rolls Director

There are some new revisions in the Tribal Rolls Scholarship Program, effective for the summer 2008 session. Though the modifications are few, applicants need to beware of them.

The principal change involves the due dates for the applications for the fall and spring/winter semesters. The Tribal Rolls office is seeing an unprecedented increase in the number of awards. As a result, checks are being issued later in the semester. To compensate for the increase and disburse the checks in a more timely fashion, the due dates for the applications have been moved by two weeks earlier. The fall application will now be due on August 1, and the spring/winter application will be due December 1. If the due dates fall on a weekend, the deadline will be the following Monday. The deadline for the summer session will remain the same.

The second deadline, for turning in tuition cost, class schedule, grades, and tax information, will stay the same. For fall, the second deadline is September 15; for the spring/winter semester, it is January 15. Again, if the deadline falls on a weekend, it will move to the following Monday.

With these new dates, the applicant will have an extra two weeks to complete the process. However, I must stress that, the earlier you complete your application, the earlier I can set up a Scholarship Committee meeting and start getting checks out.

Beginning with the summer 2008 semester, On the upper right side of the new application, the applicant will have a choice to mark a box that will give us permission to post your name on the Nation's Web site, indicating that you have received the award. Only your name will be posted. The award amount or any other information will not be posted for privacy reasons. This will serve as an early notice. If you do not mark the box, which is located in the upper right portion of the application form, your name will not be posted.

Instructions on the scholarship application have also been revised to provide a clearer understanding of the process and what is expected from applicants to make this an easy, less stressful experience.

With more than five years working with the scholarship program, I want to pass on these suggestions: 1) Please print clearly or type the application form, and fill it out completely. There are quite a few of you sending applications that are illegible, incomplete, or have the wrong mailing

addresses to receive the check. 2) A class schedule needs to have the credit hours listed. 3) Tuition cost is not a balance on a credit card receipt. It needs to be a printout of the tuition cost along with the fees from the school. 4) When sending a tax statement, it needs to be the federal return, FIRST PAGE ONLY. Some of you are sending statements that are up to twenty pages long. This is not necessary. We only need to look at the income and number of dependents. If your parents claim a dependent deduction for you, you need to send page one of their tax return. If you also filed, your return must be included. If your parents do not claim a deduction for you, their income tax return is not required. Remember, a W-2 is not a tax statement. 5) Perhaps, the most challenging situation is the application due date. Approximately 70 percent of the applications are faxed on the due date. With more than 1,000 applicants attending in the fall and spring semesters, that is 700 applicants competing for one fax line on that one day. On due dates, we also receive just as many phone calls asking for confirmation of receipt of applications. This is why it is important to send your paperwork in early.

The new application is available on-line and in the Tribal Rolls office. It becomes effective for the summer 2008 semester. The old application expires with the spring 2008 semester. They will no longer be accepted after the spring 2008 semester. If you send one in, we will send you a copy of the new form to fill out.

Take the time to read the instructions, send only what is requested and don't wait until the last minute to do it. This process is a team effort. The more of you who follow these instructions and suggestions, the smoother and faster will move for all of us.

I want to further remind applicants that Housing is a separate department. They have their own deadlines and criteria for eligibility for housing assistance. The only thing that Tribal Rolls furnishes to Housing is notification of the scholarship award. Housing questions must be referred to that office. If you report a change to my office, it is your responsibility to contact Housing as well.

In closing, I want to say that the majority of you are doing well with your studies. The grades show that, and I'm proud of all of you. The Administration is proud of you. Keep it up! It's a competitive world and you need to stay sharp and be smart.

Potawatomi Member Honored with Flute Concerto

Danielle Leone, 21, from California, is an honor student at the University of California/Irvine. She is double-majoring in Flute Musical Performance and Biology.

Ms. Leone competed among many talented musicians and performed The Nielsen Flute Concerto on February 15 and 16, 2008 at the Clair Trevor Theater in Irvine. She performed The Nielsen Flute Concerto entirely from memory and along with the University of California/Irvine symphony orchestra.

Family members say, "We are so proud of her accomplishments and determination. Danielle began working on this piece in January of 2007, and was limited in the hours she could put forth to memorization due to her other major, Biology."

Terry Leone of Huntington Beach, California, a CPN member and Danielle Leone's mother, adds, "As a Potawatomi tribal member and a parent, I am proud she has chosen the flute as her instrument of choice." Danielle Leone is a member of the Darling family.

Danielle splits her time between her



Danielle Leone

passion for music and her love of science, where she works with Dr. David Gardner in the Limb Regeneration Lab at UC/I.

ROBERT WHISTLER - for District 3 Legislative Representative

As a proud member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and the Bourassa family, I need your vote as your first representative for District 3. Voting for me will get you over 35 years of experience as:

Bob the Legislator

- * Employees felt they have job security increased 44%.
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- * Recognized by city staff for improving EMS for citizens

Bob the Businessman

- * Created, monitored, and controlled million-dollar budgets
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- * Designed customer service plan for 15 million customers
- * Known for being fair, consistent, and a team player
- * BS degree in Business Administration



As your representative, you can rely on me to seek out opportunities to bring more services to Texas. I am committed to finding new revenue opportunities for the tribe, and allowing our executive officials to run the business to ensure our success. I will assist in successfully moving us into this new government arena created with our new constitution. Call me (817-868-9928) or send email: RobertMWhistler@yahoo.com if you have any questions. My full background and experience are at www.RobertWhistler.com. I need your vote and promise to serve you well!

**Vote for
Robert Whistler - District #3**



Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center and FireLake Gifts Preserving Potawatomi Heritage

Have you ever wondered what your great-grandfather was like or what your great-grandmother would have liked to share with you?

Imagine that you could give your great-grandchildren the gift of understanding their Potawatomi tribal heritage. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal Heritage Project invites you, as a tribal member, to help preserve your family's legacy.

Since its inception in 2004, the Tribal Heritage Project has been working to research and document the individual family histories of the tribe's members and to capture tribal history as it happens.

The stories of the original Citizen Potawatomi families that made the journey to Indian Territory from Kansas are being explored and explained to those who are alive today and archived for future generations.

Housed in the tribe's Cultural Heritage Center, the Tribal Heritage Project uses a professional studio and state of the art equipment for family interviews. The first of its kind in Indian country, the Tribal Heritage Project has received

attention both locally and nationally.

By the time of the Family Reunion Festival of 2008, we will have produced 35 individual family histories in the Family Video Series, a series of DVDs about the founding families of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

The work done for this incredible project could not have come this far without help from tribal members, who have taken the time to be interviewed and allowed the Cultural Heritage Center to digitally copy thousands of photographs and family documents.

The Tribal Heritage Project is committed to gathering the history of all the families in as complete a form as possible, but this goal can only be accomplished with participation from you. The interviewing process is vital, as it allows for family histories to be recorded as they are discussed by elders and other family members.

We urge tribal members who have not done so already to pass on family stories by participating in an interview and to share family documents and encourage others.

Should you know of any Potawatomi tribal members that would like to participate, please encourage them to contact the Tribal Heritage Project or drop by for an

interview.

If extenuating circumstances are prohibiting you or any elders you know from making the trip, please let us know. We would be happy to visit you at your home.

Participation of tribal members is vital to ensure that the history, heritage and culture of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation are preserved for the future.

To schedule an interview, contact:

Tribal Heritage Project

tribalheritage@potawatomi.org

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Potawatomi Cornerstone: The Seven Prophecies

By Charles Clark, Director Tribal Rolls
(I would like to thank Edward Benton-Banai for the information that helped me write this article, from his "The Mishomis Book - The Voice of the Ojibway.")

We are the descendants of the Anishinabe, the original people. Translated, the word expresses how original man came to Earth. It is said that Kche Manitou took the Four Elements and blew them across the sacred Megis shell, created man, and lowered him to the Earth. From this original man came the Anishinabe: Ani (From whence) Nishina (Lowered) Abe (the Man or One) who came down from the sky.

During the time our ancestors lived along the Northeastern seaboard in present-day Maine and New Brunswick, Canada, they were visited by Seven Prophets. Each Prophet spoke of a time that would come to pass for our people. Each prophecy would become known as a fire. Thus the Seven Prophecies became the Seven Fires.

The first Prophet said that, at the time of the first fire, the Anishinabe would follow the sacred Megis shell of the Midewiwin Lodge. It would serve as an assembly place for the people, and that place would be a source of great strength.

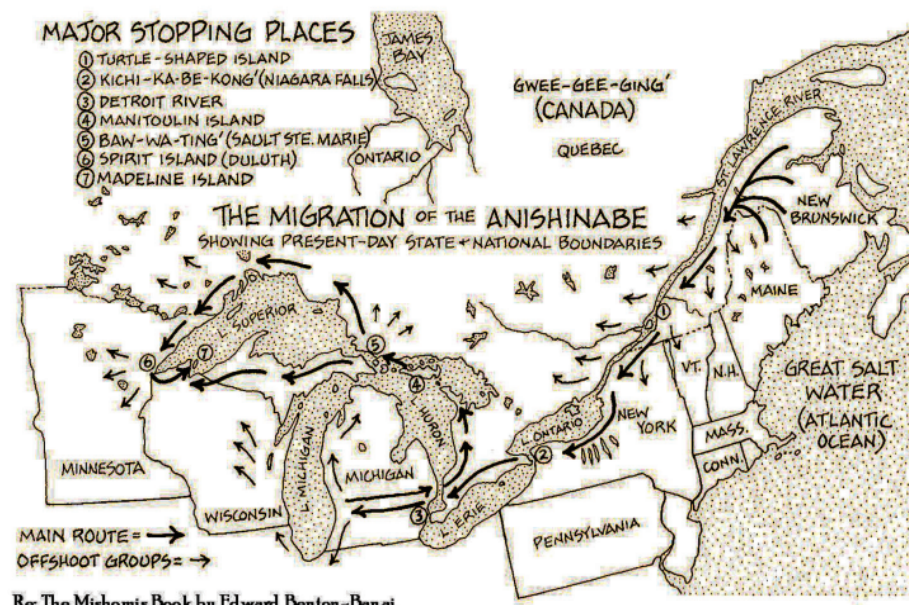
The sacred Megis would then lead the way to a land that had been chosen for the Anishinabe. They were to look for a turtle-shaped island that is linked to the purification of the earth. It would serve as the beginning and the end of the journey.

There would be seven stopping points along the way. The Anishnabe would know they had reached their destination when they found food growing on the water. "If you do not move, you will be destroyed," they were told.

The Anishinabe began their migration sometime between 900 and 1000 AD. The journey taking the Anishinabe to the seven places would take about 500 years. The story is an oral tradition, so sources putting a date to the events vary greatly. The journey began with the Anishinabe moving west along the St. Lawrence River.

The location of the turtle-shaped island was revealed to a woman who was with child through a dream sometime just after the journey began. She told her husband about the dream. He then conveyed it to the elders.

Through their interpretation they ulti-



This map shows the Anishnabes' migration route and stops along the way.

mately found the island. They knew this to be true, as the Prophet had foretold that the sacred Megis shell would come out of the water to greet them.

Today, the location of the island is unknown. However, two theories suggest possible locations: near where the St. Francis River meets the St. Lawrence River or where the Ottawa River meets the St. Lawrence River near present-day Montreal.

The migration continued west along the St. Lawrence River until the people came to the place of the Thundering Water, Animi-kee wabu. We know it as Niagara Falls. When the Anishnabe reached the falls, the Megis shell came out of the water and greeted them. It was there that the Anishinabe confronted the Iroquois who had been following them.

The Prophet had foretold this, and told the Anishinabe to honor those they encountered, standing strong but not advocating violence, not backing down. Peace was made between the two peoples because the Anishinabe kept to the teachings of the Prophets.

It was during this time, between the second and third legs of the journey, that three distinct groups began to emerge from the Anishinabe: the Bode'wadmi (Potawatomi) who became the keepers of the sacred fire; the Ojibwe, the keepers of the medicine or nation; and the Odawa (Ottawa) keepers of the trade - the hunters and providers for the group.

The Bode'wadmi were responsible for

carrying the coals that made the fires along the journey. The Ojibwe were the faith behind the Anishinabe, entrusted with the sacred scrolls and the water drum of the Midewiwin. These three groups became known as the Three Fires.

The group continued along the northern shore of a large body of water (Lake Erie) until they came to a narrow river that cut deep into the earth. It is plausible that this is the Detroit River. Many people lost their lives trying to cross it. Nevertheless, they knew they had arrived at the right place because the Megis shell came out of the water to greet them.

It was at this point that the group split up, heading in different directions to find a place to cross the great lake. Some believed that the journey should continue west and marched on. A number went north and others took to the south. They were all looking for a route that would take them around the great body of water. Others believed that they were simply lost and missed the fourth destination.

The Ojibwe stayed and began building villages, planting crops, and raising families in the area. Eventually they neglected the sacred ways and forgot about what led them here originally. Only a few of the elders remembered the purpose of their migration as foretold by the second fire.

The second prophet said to the people, "You will know the second fire because at this time the nation will be camped by a large body of water. In this time the direction of the Sacred Shell will be lost. The

Midewiwin will diminish in strength; a boy will be born to point the way back to the traditional ways. He will show the direction to the stepping stones to the future of the Anishinabe people."

A little boy did have a dream about a path of stones in the water. The Elders took the dream seriously and led the Anishinabe back to the river they had crossed earlier. They traveled north by canoe until the river became a lake (Lake Huron), and continued until it became a river again. They came to an island where they rested for awhile. The island would later become known as Walpole Island.

The journey continued, and the band came across a chain of islands, the stepping stones that would lead them to the fourth sacred site. When they came to the largest island, the Megis shell appeared, fulfilling the third prophecy. Today, that island is known as Manitoulin Island.

The third prophet said to the people, "In the third fire, the Anishinabe will find the path to their chosen ground, a land in the west to which they must move their families. This will be the land where food grows on water." (Note: Manitoulin Island was not the location where the food grows on the water. It was merely a stopping point, one of the stepping stones, along the path. The prophecy refers to the general path that is taken.)

The food the prophets spoke of was wild rice. Called Manomin, it would become a very important staple in the Ojibwe diet and an essential part of Ojibwe culture. Even today, the Ojibwe still gather rice in the traditional way - one steering the canoe through the rice as others sweep it into the canoe and beat it with a stick, knocking the husks to the floor.

Manitoulin Island became the fourth gathering place and the center of the Anishinabe Nation. The sacred fire was brought here and the Midewiwin Lodge renewed their ways and their medicine became strong again. It is said that the waterdrum could be heard, beating, four days out from the island.

Over time, many of the people would migrate to the fifth location, Bawwating. It is here that the waterdrum was moved and sacred ceremonies were performed. Today, this location is known as Sault Ste. Marie. It was at this place and time that the fourth prophecy was revealed.

Originally foretold by two prophets:

The first prophet said, "You will know the future of our people by the face the light-skinned race wears. If they come wearing the face of brotherhood, there will come a time of wonderful change for generations to come. They will bring new knowledge and articles that can be joined with the knowledge of the country. In this way, two nations will join to make a mighty nation. This new nation will be joined by two more so that four will form the mightiest nation of all. You will know the face of the brotherhood if the light-skinned race comes carrying no weapons. If they come bearing only their knowledge and a hand-shake."

The second prophet said, "Beware if the light-skinned race comes wearing the face of death. You must be careful because the face of brotherhood and the face of death look very much alike. If they come carrying a weapon, beware. If they come in suffering, they could fool you. Their hearts may be filled with greed for the riches of this land. If they are indeed your brothers, let them prove it. Do not accept them in total trust. You shall know that the face they wear is one of death if the rivers run with poison and the fish become unfit to eat. You shall know them by these many things."

On Bawwating's eastern shore, the Anishinabe encountered the Europeans for the first time. They called French explorers the *ah-dah-wa' wih-nih-neeg*. The French brought many things that the Anishinabe had never seen - copper pots, metal knives, colored glass beads, woven cloth and coats, and other assorted gifts. They came in peace and were respectful to the Anishinabe. They became brothers; many were adopted into the nation and married their women.

Bawwating became a major trading center between the French and the Anishinabe.

The Anishinabe who stayed in the northeast, choosing not to follow the prophets' instructions,, encountered the light-skinned race that wore the face of death. These Europeans destroyed their villages and way of life as foretold in the first prophecy.

The migration continued, splitting again into two groups. One moved west along the southern shore of what is now Lake Superior, and the other group went north around the great lake, still searching for the area where food grows on the water.

The groups converged, and the sixth site was found on the western tip of the shore of the lake. They named the bay Wee-kway-down, and settled on an island in the



This drawing depicts the Anishnabes' harvesting and processing of wild rice, the food that grows on the water.

bay they referred to as Spirit Island. This is where they found the Manomin, the rice that grows from the water. The sacred Megis shell rose from the water to greet them.

The group that had migrated along the southern shore of the lake had seen an island that resembled a turtle. After Spirit Island was found, a number of Anishinabe journeyed back to this island. The Megis shell rose from the water to let them know that they had found their final destination. They called the island *Mo-ning-wun'-a-kawn-ing*, the place that was dug. It is known as Madeline Island.

Tobacco was placed on its shore as an offering to the Great Spirit who had led them to this place. The sacred fire was brought to the island as well. The sacred water drum sounded here for many years.

The fourth prophecy continued to unfold. It was not long until men wearing long dark robes, clutching black books up against their chests, came to the Anishinabe, warning them to change their ways, to follow the ideas of Christianity, or they would not walk the Path of the Souls. For many, this was a fearful prospect, and they left the traditional ways for the new.

This caused friction between the people, and the nation became divided as they scattered to smaller factions among the great lakes. Thus the prophecy of the fifth fire came to be.

The fifth prophet said, "In the time of the fifth fire there will come a time of great struggle that will grip the lives of the Native people. At the warning of this fire, there will come among the people one who holds a promise of great joy and salvation. If the people accept this promise of a new way and abandon the old teachings, then the struggle of the fifth fire will be with the

people for many generations. The promise that comes will prove to be a false promise. All those who accept this promise will cause the near destruction of the people."

The interpretation refers to the early missionaries, who recruited souls to spread and organize Christianity, breaking centuries of traditions with the Anishnabe ignoring the teachings of the elders. The religious conversions divided the great nations into small and scattered bands.

Additionally, the traders and merchants set up a system of barter and trade among the bands. This proved to be disastrous for those who were forced onto small reservations. Erratic deliveries and broken promises of goods and supplies forced many into poverty.

Eventually, the young people were separated from their families and put into boarding schools, forced to cut their hair, forbidden to speak their native tongue and coerced to stop practicing the ways of their people. They were assimilated into the new society, just as the prophecy had foretold.

The sixth fire unfolded and in this time, the children of the great migration were severed from their traditional ways. They turned against their parents and their elders to live and walk in the new society. Life for the traditionalists became lost, as the circle was broken. Many of the elders grew sick and passed on.

The prophet of the sixth fire said, "In the time of the sixth fire, it will be evident that the promise of the fifth fire came in a false way. Those deceived by this promise will take their children away from the teachings of the elders; grandsons and granddaughters will turn against the elders. In this way, the elders will lose their reason for living; they will lose their purpose in

life. At this time a new sickness will come among the people. The balance of many will be disturbed. The cup of life will almost be spilled. The cup of life will almost become the cup of grief."

During the time of the sixth fire, it is said that a group of visionaries gathered the priests of the Midewiwin Lodge to tell them that their way was in danger of being destroyed. The Mide took the sacred scrolls that recorded their ceremonies and placed them in a hollowed log. It was lowered down a cliff and buried where no one could find it.

The location of the sacred scrolls would remain hidden until a time when the ways of the Midewiwin Lodge could again be practiced without fear. When that time comes, the location will be revealed to a child in a dream.

And the seventh prophet spoke, "In the time of the seventh fire, new people will emerge. They will retrace their steps to find what was left by the trail. Their steps will take them to the elders, whom they will ask to guide them on their journey. But many of the elders will have fallen asleep. They will awaken to this new time with nothing to offer. Some of the elders will be silent out of fear. Some of the elders will be silent because no one will ask anything of them. The new people will have to be careful in how they approach the elders. The task of the new people will not be easy."

For a number of people, we are living in the time of the seventh fire. The ability to retrace our families steps is much more accessible now than it has ever been. If we are truly living in this time, we must not only be true to ourselves, but to each other concerning our shared ancestry. And as the prophet said, it will not be an easy task.

When the seventh fire comes to pass, the Anishinabe Nation will be reborn. The water drum will sound and the sacred fire will once again be lit. It will be at this time that many of the Anishnabe and the light-skinned race will reach a personal crossroads. They will have to choose between two roads.

It is interpreted that one will be the road of technology and the other will be the road to spirituality. If they choose the road of technology, they will eventually destroy themselves and the earth. If they make the right choice, the road to spirituality, the sacred fire of the seventh prophecy will light the fire of the eighth prophecy and usher in a new spiritual nation.

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CPN Legislature - District 8

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William Edward (Ed) Anderson

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Practicing lawyer for 20+ years: J.D., Stanford Law School 1983; B.A., Univ. of San Francisco 1980

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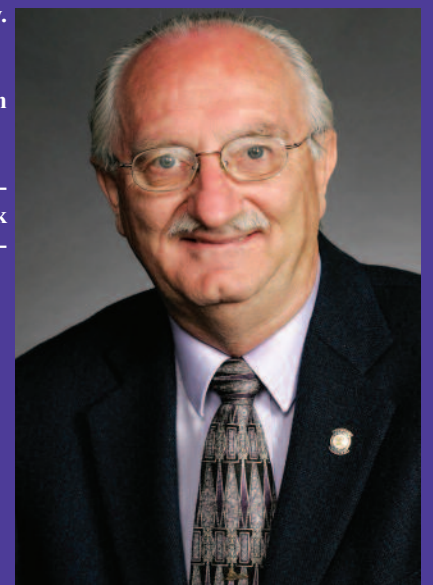
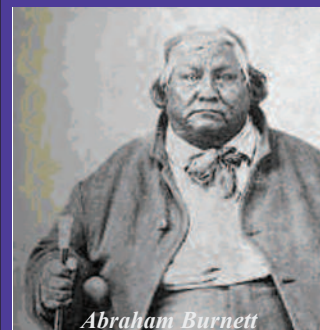
I wish to thank my friends, four cousins, and fellow tribal members for your votes and confidence in me as Tribal Legislator, District 9, (Oklahoma).

I swore on the Bible to uphold the Constitution of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and discharge my duties to the best of my ability. That I will do.

I consider your confidence in me both an honor and a responsibility.

I am excited about making history and sharing an exciting future with you. Again, I thank you for electing me; and may God bless our tribal nation.

Paul Wesselhöft,
Tribal Legislator, Oklahoma



I am asking for your continued support and, prayers. I thank you tremendously.- Paul Wesselhöft.

CPN clinic earns re-accreditation



Pharmacy director Joe LaReau, a CPN member, assists a patient at the re-accredited CPN clinic.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Health Services has achieved re-accreditation by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC), according to Randall Hall, Director of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Health Services located on the CPNHS campus on South Gordon Cooper Drive.

Status as an accredited organization means that the CPN Health Services has passed a series of rigorous and nationally recognized standards for the provision of

quality health care, set by the Accreditation Association, which is headquartered in the Chicago suburb of Skokie, Illinois. Presently, more than 3,000 ambulatory health care organizations across the United States are accredited by the AAAHC.

"Accreditation underscores our long-standing commitment to providing extremely high quality medical, dental, behavioral health and public health care and services for the Native Americans

residing in central Oklahoma," Hall said. "We first attained accreditation for our organization in the summer of 2004, and it is exceptionally gratifying to have our program again awarded the prestigious AAAHC seal of approval. All of our staff works extremely hard to make sure that we measure-up to the high standards set by the AAAHC every day of every year."

Ambulatory health care organizations seeking accreditation by the AAAHC undergo an extensive on-site, peer-based survey of its facilities and services. Not all ambulatory health care organizations seek accreditation, and not all those seeking accreditation attain it. Among the types of ambulatory health care organizations eligible to apply for accreditation are ambulatory and office-based surgery centers, single and multi-specialty group practices, college health centers, and community

health centers.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Health Services staff of more than 110 health care professionals and support personnel presently occupies five facilities totaling more than 60,000 square feet on Shawnee's South Gordon Cooper Drive. In addition to its core medical, dental, behavioral health, and public health practices, the Health Services features a Diabetic Initiative for providing specialized care and services for diabetic patients, and a full-service wellness center where degreed fitness specialists promote fitness and physical well-being. The CPN Health Services is owned and operated by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation to serve members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation as well as members of other federally-recognized Native American tribes and nations residing in the Shawnee-Tecumseh area.



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As a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and with more than 13 years of government service I have gained the knowledge and understanding to make good, tough decisions.

Our newly created legislative body needs someone with experience in budgeting, contracts, technology, and public safety. My Law Enforcement career has provided me with the experience necessary to meet these challenges.

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I offer strong leadership and have the ability to get quick results. In the midst of today's opinions of politicians I believe there are still those select few of us who truly can make a difference.




CPN member Tenille Cheek-Covey is one of the dentists at the Nation's recently re-accredited health clinic.

Walking On

Joseph Wayne 'Joe' Burnett



Joseph Wayne 'Joe' Burnett, 83, of Bridgeport, Nebraska died early Wednesday morning, November 31, 2007 at the Heritage of Bridgeport. At his request, cremation was held at the Jolliffe Funeral Home Crematory at Scottsbluff, Nebraska. His memorial service was held on Friday, November 10 at 2:00 p.m. at the Heritage of Bridgeport Chapel. A private inurnment was held at the Oregon Trail Memorial Cemetery in Bridgeport, where he was inurned near his wife June (Kirk) Calvert.

A memorial has been established at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center in Shawnee, Oklahoma to help preserve the Potawatomi heritage. Memorials may be mailed to Rita Smith-Ott, P.O. Box 933, Bridgeport, NE 69336. Joe's obituary may be viewed at www.jolliffefuneralhome.com, where condolences may be left for his family. Jolliffe Funeral Home at Bridgeport handled the arrangements.

Joe was born September 8, 1934 in Kay County, Oklahoma, the son of Abram and Marie Jayne (Pappan) Burnett. He attended Chilocco Indian Boarding School near Arkansas City, Kansas. He served in the United States Air Forces in England during World War II.

Following his discharge, Joe Burnett returned to work on various pipelines throughout the United States as a welder. He eventually settled in western Nebraska and worked as a farm and ranch hand. Joe met June Calvert at a senior citizens dance, and they dated for two years before their marriage on May 8, 1993. They lived on the ranch at the foot of Round House Rock near Redington, Nebraska.

June died on December 30, 2004 but Joe continued to live at the ranch, where he

enjoyed visiting with his neighbors. After he moved to the Heritage of Bridgeport for health reasons, his neighbors continued to visit him.

Joe's great-great-grandfather, Abram B. Burnett (1811-1870), was a chief and imposing figure among the Potawatomi. He was an important mediator in 1837, when his people were forced to migrate from Indiana to Kansas, an event known as "The Trail of Death" - thus the significance of the aforementioned memorial.

Survivors include his brother William Burnett of Winfield, Kansas; stepchildren Rita Smith-Ott of Bridgeport and her husband Lenard, Donald Calvert of Waldo, Florida and his wife Carol, Charles Calvert of Fort Walton Beach, Florida, and Vicki Dohle of Wichita, Kansas; step-grandson Randy Smith of Ingalls, Kansas; nieces Bobbie Shapel and her husband Jimmie, Sandy Abney and her husband Gail, Sis Startzman and her husband Calvin, and Mistie Vaughn and her husband Kelvin, and Pam Robe, nephews Phil Shapel and Paul Dutton and his wife Cindy, all of the Wichita area.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife June; sister Isabelle Forshee; and brothers Eugene and Abram Jr.

"I am writing this to you to that you may know that you have Eternal Life, you that believe in the Son of God." - 1 John 5:13.

Burl Joe 'B.J.' Macon



Burl Joe Macon, 81 of West Columbia, Texas, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, April 7, 2007. He was born March 22, 1926, in Tecumseh, Oklahoma, the son of Clarence and Nora Macon. He was a registered member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation in Oklahoma. He was

raised in Gainesville, Texas, where he met and married Ollie Alene Harberger in 1948.

B. J. was a World War II veteran, serving in Germany and France. He lived in West Columbia, Texas, for more than 50 years, where he shared ownership of Cut Rate Homes, Inc., with his father and brothers between 1953 and 1981, building more than 2,700 homes.

For many years, one of B.J.'s favorite pastimes was anything to do with car racing - from watching it on television to owning his own super-modified racecar and winning many races from Houston, Texas, to Jackson, Mississippi.

He and Ollie attended Capitol Baptist Church in West Columbia.

B.J. Macon is survived by his wife of 59 years, Ollie; son, Eddie Macon, and his wife, Carol, of Houston, Texas; daughter, Jeanne Alexander, and her husband, Terry, of Angleton, Texas; daughter, Nancy Cleveland, and her husband, Dennis, of West Columbia, Texas; and daughter, Angela Hoepner, and her husband, David, of Mesquite, Texas.

He is also survived by his grandchildren, Brandi Plumlee, and her husband, Steve; Sandra Remmers and her husband, Brad; Kelly Alexander, Bryan Cleveland and wife, Mikki, Lori Cleveland, and Carly and Casey Hoepner. His great-grandchildren are Emily and Hannah Plumlee and Jackson Remmers.

He is also survived by his brother, Earl Gene Macon, and his wife, Joyce, of Angleton and his sister, Nellie Smith of West Columbia.

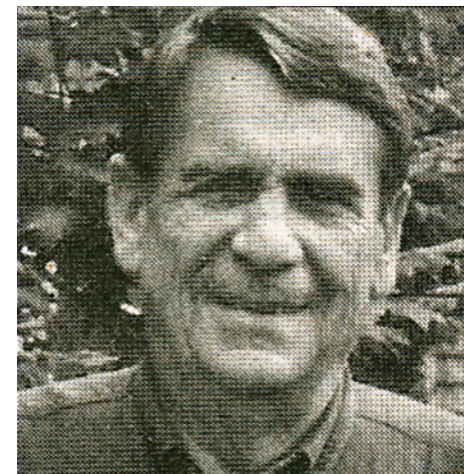
He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Levern Macon, and a sister, Rovanna Patterson.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 11, 2007 at Baker Funeral Home in West Columbia, with Brother Paul Goodman officiating. Pallbearers were Terry Alexander, Dennis Cleveland, David Hoepner, Bryan Cleveland, Steve Plumlee, and Brad Remmers. Honorary pallbearers were Ronald Witt of West Columbia and Clarence Crocker of Sweeny, Texas.

The family extends special thanks to Dr. Mohammed Attar for caring for Burl for 14 years.

Mr. Macon was a devoted son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. We will all miss him very much.

Joseph Allen Schalles



Joseph Allen Schalles died on December 30, 2007, from complications of strokes and seizures. He was born on October 16, 1925 in Delta, Colorado.

He moved as an infant with his parents to Klamath Falls, Oregon, where he grew up and spent many hours hunting and fishing with his grandfather. His family moved to Portland, Oregon in 1940, where Joe graduated from Franklin High School. Joe joined the Marine Corps during World War II and served on Okinawa, Guam, Guadalcanal, and Japan. After the war, he spent a year in China.

When he returned to the states, he married Patra Nelson; she died in 1988. He and Patra had four children, Susan, Sally, Daniel, and Steven. Joseph was called back to service during the Korean War and fought during the landing at Inchon and in the Chosen Reservoir.

When he returned from Korea, he entered Northwestern College of Law where he received an LLB degree and a Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1956. He later moved to Chico, California, and spent 20 years as a district manager for Hallmark Cards. In 1978, he moved back to Portland and joined International Business Associates as a business salesman. In 1997, Joseph married Sally Lancashire.

Joseph was an avid hunter and fisherman and belonged to a duck club on Sauvie Island.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Patra; sons, Daniel and Steven; and sister, Nancy. Survivors include his wife, Sally; daughters, Susan Storm and Sally Bowron and her husband, Tom, of Portland; a sister, Lois Ross of Pleasanton, California; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Joseph was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. He requested that there be no flowers or service.

Remembrance donations may be made to Oregon Literacy Inc., 1001 S.W. Fifth Ave. #320, Portland, OR 97204.

Doyle W. Houston



Doyle W. Houston was born June 23, 1929 West of Geary, Oklahoma, the son of Bill and Hilda Lucille (Montgomery) Houston. He passed away on Tuesday, January 8, 2007 at the Saint Mary Regional Medical Center in Enid, Oklahoma at the age of 78.

Doyle attended High Prairie Country School. He graduated from Geary High School in 1947. Doyle served in the U. S. Army-Air Force, enlisting in January 1948. He served as a Radio Operator on the B-29 and was honorably discharged in March of 1950 as a Corporal.

Doyle was united in marriage to Dorothy Pointer on August 21, 1948 in El Reno, Oklahoma. During his career, he only held two jobs. The first was Manager of Tindel Material Co, a ready-mix company in Watonga, Oklahoma. In 1962, he moved his family to Woodward, Oklahoma to work for the Oklahoma Cement Company, managing the terminal until 1976. Oklahoma Cement promoted him to Regional Sales Representative. Doyle retired from Lonestar Industries in June 1984. He was their top salesman after accepting the position.

After retiring, Doyle moved back to the family farm west of Geary, spending their summers at their Colorado cabin. Doyle was a mechanic, carpenter, plumber, elk Hunter, Ham Radio operator "WA5YQQ", provider, advisor, and friend.

The Houstons lived on their farm until February 2002 when they moved to Enid. He was a member of the Woodward Elks Lodge, VFW, and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. He was an avid OU Sooner fan. His soul is in Heaven but his heart is in

Colorado.

Survivors include his wife Dorothy Houston of Enid; two daughters, Debye Hamilton and Beverly Morrison, both of Enid; a granddaughter, Dusti Pletcher, and husband Shad of Harper, Kansas; a grandson, Justin Doyle Houston Covalt and wife Danielle of Wichita, Kansas; a great-grandchild, Baylee Pletcher of Harper; and his beloved cat Tootie.

Doyle was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Hilda Houston; a brother Bill Houston Sr.; and one son-in-law Dan Hamilton.

A funeral service was held at the Geary Cemetery, on Saturday, January 12, 2008, with the Rev. Steve Samples officiating. Burial was in the Geary Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Turner Funeral Home of Geary. Condolences may be sent to turnerfuneralhomes@gmail.com.

Billy Ambrose Peltier



Memorial services for Billy Ambrose Peltier, 77, of Lexington, Oklahoma were held on Saturday, January 5, 2008 at Wadley's Funeral Chapel in Purcell, Oklahoma. Mr. Peltier died on December 25, 2007 at his home in Lexington.

He was reared and attended school in Tribbey, Oklahoma. He had lived in Lexington, Oklahoma since 1998, coming from Lindsay, Oklahoma. Mr. Peltier served in the United States Marine Corp. On Dec. 6, 1962, he married Lavon Baxter in Gainesville, Texas.

He was a self-employed contractor, was the first Chief of Police for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, and owned and managed restaurants. Mr. Peltier was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and the American Legion.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Jean Ann Zimmerman; and two sisters, Marzola York and Olidean Coley. Survivors include his wife, Lavon, of the home; one son, Billy Ray Peltier and his wife, Deodra, of Lexington; and four grandchildren.

Ralph Bergeron Bazhaw *Nishbon'sek* Legislative District #2

Ralph's thirty-one years of business experience includes planning, negotiation, implementation, and closing of contracts at all levels of government contracting on local, national, and international levels.



Ralph has had leadership roles in national Native American organizations including: founding member and Past National Treasurer of the Intertribal Council of AT&T Employees; founding member and Past National President of United Native Americans of Lucent Technologies; and Sequoyah Fellow of the American Indian Science & Engineering Society.

Ralph proudly shares his Potawatomi heritage with children of all ages. He shares our history through his skill as a Native American storyteller to schools, churches, nursing homes,

and civic organizations.

Ralph is a dedicated and loving husband, father, and grandfather. His two oldest grandsons are now sharing their heritage while developing their storytelling and public speaking skills.

Ralph is a proud member of the Bergeron family and a descendent of Chief Joseph. He is of the Crane and Loon clan, the leadership clan.

"My spirit yearns to serve my people, and I humbly ask for your support." -
Ralph Bazhaw

Jacqueline Taylor

CPN District 8 candidate

Graduate of Boise State, founding member of Indian student organization, Dama Soghop.

Director of Volunteer Services, State of Idaho Dept. of Human Services, in a three-county region.

Director of Clatsop County, Oregon ARC.

Co-owned six retail drug stores in Idaho and Oregon and served as corporate treasurer.

Former state legislator, legislative member of Oregon Commission on Indian Affairs; assigned to Pacific Northwest Economic Region Council, which included Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Montana, and two Canadian provinces.

Served as a Clatsop County Commissioner. Volunteer involvement with teens, elders and disabled persons.



Jacqueline Taylor

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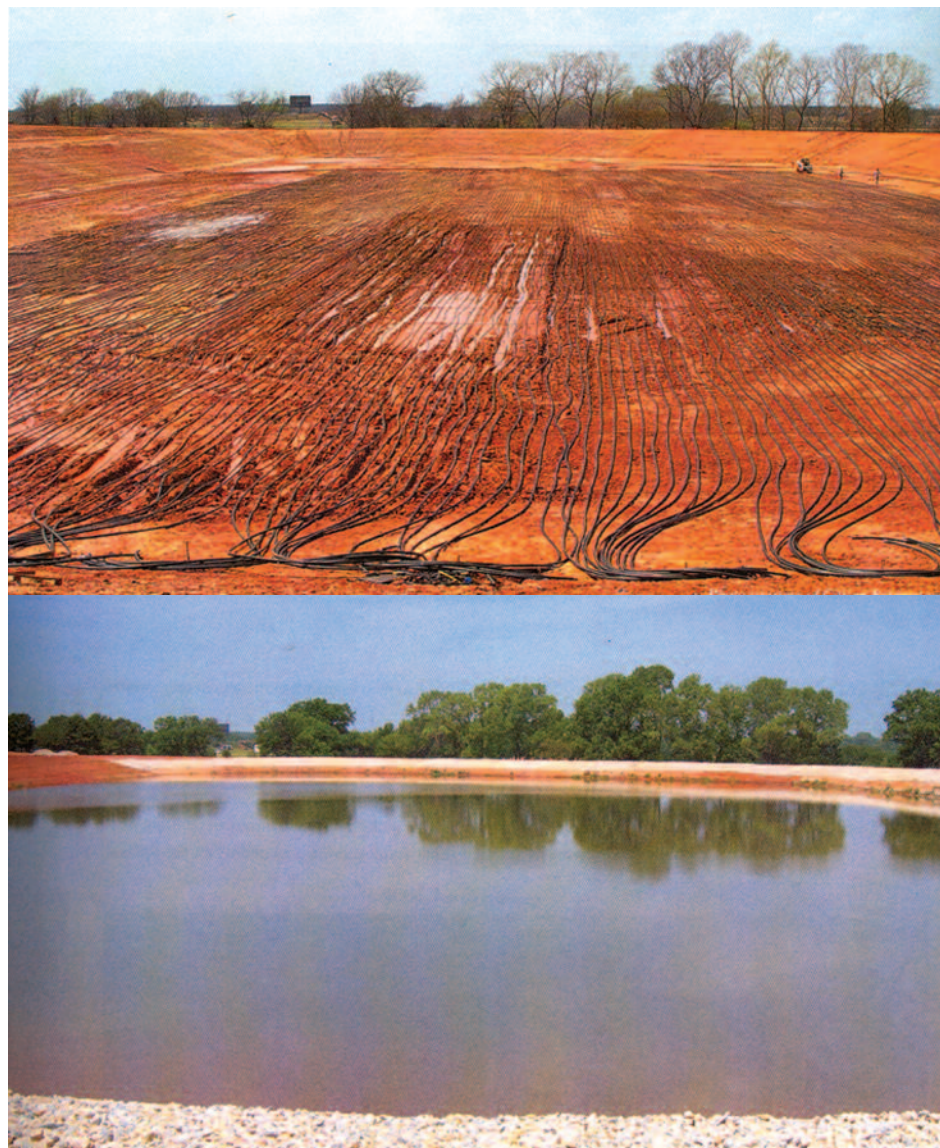
we did lack a little time because of the weather, but we finished and we didn't really have any obstacles."

With the installation of the ground heat exchanger complete, the tribe then began the interior installation process. The tribe opted to hybridize the system, installing two 500-ton chillers to heat and cool the facility. A single 50-ton ground source heat pump unit serves the administrative offices located inside the casino. "So, the fluid in all of our loops serves to maintain those two 500-ton chillers," Kunze said. Both of the chillers and the GSHP were manufactured by Trane.

Savings and Operation

Nearing the end of its first year in service, Vaughan said the system operates well needing little to no maintenance. Vaughan said the chillers had some trouble handling the 90 degree Fahrenheit return water temperatures, but with some adjustments are now running properly. "The chillers are really sensitive to the loops," he said. "With every new building there is some trial and error, but once we got it all up and going it's been perfect." Three air handlers located on the 3rd floor of the casino also help to maintain the temperature inside the building.

Kunze said when the project began CPN expected to save about 30 percent a year on energy costs and pay off the system installation in just under four years. To this point, he thinks those estimations are holding true. Using tribal employees also helped offset the upfront costs to the tribe. "I would expect that based on 1,000-ton capacity for the casino itself we probably spent an extra \$500,000 to \$700,000 to be able to install geothermal technology," Kunze said. "Estimated savings appear to be



The top photo shows grid of tubing laid in the bottom of a geothermal pond at FireLake Grand Casino. The bottom photo is that pond after being filled with water.

about \$20,000 a month."

CPN's Geothermal Future

The opening of FireLake Grand Casino completes the first of a three phase construction project for the tribe. Plans call for the addition of a hotel and a larger events coliseum. CPN plans to incorporate geothermal for both. Kunze said the hotel's geothermal system will tie into the casino's existing ground heat exchanger. Two fluid towers added during construction of the casino should prevent the need for more drilling. "We added two closed-loop fluid towers to handle the additional capacity for the hotel," Kunze said. "With the fluid towers in place, we think we'll be able to bring the hotel on line and

still be able to handle it with the existing loops." Kunze said they are still unsure about the new events center in terms of size and load.

With successful past projects and current ones coming online smoothly, the future for geothermal at CPN looks bright. Kunze said the tribe recently completed 25 new duplex housing units with two-ton ground source heat pumps on each side. They are also planning to construct industrial facilities outfitted with geothermal. "More stuff is coming all the time," Kunze said. "I can't imagine we will do anything but use geothermal technology every time we build something we own."

Notice

CPN Veterans Organization

Hello Fellow Veterans,

A year ago a small group of veterans from the Citizen Potawatomi Nation felt it was important to have a voice, where we can meet and share experiences, good or bad, and have speakers come in to talk about various subjects like benefits from the Veterans Administration. We also wanted our Nation to have an honor guard to represent not only the veterans group but our proud Nation, also.

The CPN Cultural Heritage Center under direction of John Boursaw (retired Colonel/Air Force) and Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett have set up the Wall of Honor with pictures of Citizen Potawatomi veterans and information about those veterans.

We meet every fourth Tuesday each month. We have scheduled a pizza party and blessing of the drum. Some of the veterans will try to learn to play the drum.

Veterans, if you are interested in joining the CPN Veterans Organization or have questions, call me at 405-735-9571.

Until next month, Megwetch.

Keith Cagle
Vice President
CPN Veterans Organization

Alan Becker District #4

Bozho



I would like to thank all who voted in the election, it was the single most important thing we have done in years.

Thanks to all who voted for me. A big thanks to Tom, Karen, and Dale for all your help. Congratulations to Hurb and Theresa for making the run-off, I know either would represent CPN people fine, whoever wins.

**Migwetch,
Alan**

Language Department News

Bozho, Jayek (Hello, everyone),

Since our last publication, we've had some exciting things happen with the Nation. The primary legislative election seems to have strengthened our tribe's vision of the future. The candidates are excited about serving the tribe and getting involved in what's going on. I believe that their enthusiasm will inspire all of us to become more active in our culture, and more precisely, our language.

Our Nation is not only surviving, it is thriving through commerce and enterprises. The administration is working very hard to ensure our place in the future.

Our Language Department is also dedicated to sustaining the gift of our language for our children. We have caught the wave here in Shawnee and have recently doubled our language class membership. Hopes are high that the energy and interest of our members

will not wane anytime soon.

As mentioned previously, we still need Potawatomi boys, ages 9 through 14, for the lacrosse program. We are currently practicing on Tuesdays at 5:30 pm at the softball fields located behind Firelake Discount Foods. After practice, we've been practicing songs on a social drum.

The boys appear to be very happy to sing on their drum. We have a new squad of energetic kids, doing cultural things. We are very proud of our team. Let's be proud together! If you know a boy who might be interested please bring him out.

You can see that we are up to exciting things in the Nation. The new year has brought with it new opportunity. We urge everyone to get involved in the tribe, wherever you are.

Kche Migwetch,
Michael Dykstra
Mskwagishkek

Roy Slavin

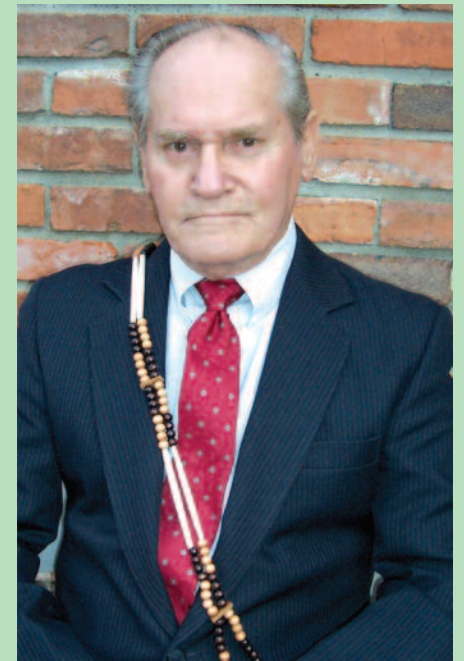
CPN Legislature, District #1

I want to thank each of you for your support in the election. Now I must ask for your help again. When elected, my intentions are to maintain a Web site where I can keep the members of District #1 informed of the issues before the Legislature and seek their input. In other words, we will attempt to reach a consensus, as did our ancestors, before any vote is cast.

I have attended every Regional Council Meeting in an effort to stay informed of tribal business. I have attended all the Gatherings of the Nations and our Reunion Festivals for the past 20 years. I am involved and active in the Nation's Veterans Organization and other tribal undertakings.

I feel I am best qualified to represent District #1 in the legislature.

Migwetch nikan
ROY SLAVIN



**Vote for
Roy Slavin**

Gene Lambert

District #5

I am a direct descendant of Pierre Navarre. My father was Charles Lambert, and my grandmother is Cora Beth Scully.

I have served the Citizen Potawatomi Nation as a Regional Director for the past 9 years. I am a certified hotel administrator and a certified community college instructor. In 1997, the Living Bible Church ordained me a minister.

I have been involved in many community programs, including one for foster care for children and one in which I set up a program to transition women from prison to the workforce. I

have served as a CETA trainer. I have significant political experience, including my own campaign for the Arizona state senate.

I would ask all the district #5 voters to put their energy into seeking election of the candidate they support. Then, please, support the winner and the new legislature. Ultimately, this is about the success and growth of the Nation, not individuals or specific families.

Vote for Gene Lambert - District #5



Vote Robert Whistler Legislator, District #3

"I have known Robert Whistler and his family for many years. He and they have a long commitment to and deep knowledge of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's government and traditions."

"Bob Whistler is eminently qualified to represent the interests of CPN members in Texas' District #3 while bearing in mind the Nation's best interest."

"I urge all the voters in district three to cast their votes for Bob Whistler. Migwetch."
- Lu Ellis



Robert Whistler

"As a proud Potawatomi and member of the Bourassa family, I would be honored to represent you in Legislative District #3. I offer you my formal education and over 35 years of Business, Political-Government, and Community service experience. You can e-mail me at RobertMWhistler@yahoo.com. For more details visit my Web site at www.RobertWhistler.com or call me at 817-868-9928. I need your vote and promise to serve you well." - Bob Whistler

Bob Whistler - District #3

With Your Vote You Get

A Committed and Experienced
Public Servant
(Currently Elected City Council
Member-Bedford, TX)

and A Successful Businessman
Who Will Look for New Tribal
Opportunities

Plus

a CPN member who has been very active with the Nation over many decades.

- * Regular voting in tribal elections.
- * Regular attendance at Regional and annual tribal meetings/events.
- * Familiar with tribal proceedings & have judged festival programs.
- * Contributor to Veterans' Cultural Exhibit
- * Nephew of former Arizona Regional Representative
- * Known for being innovative and bringing new ideas forward
- * I have a track record of providing for citizen needs as a legislator



Vote for
Robert Whistler - District 3

Theresa Adame Legislative District #4



Dear 4th District Residents,

It is a privilege to be considered as a representative for your district. If elected I will do what is in the best interest of all Citizen Potawatomi Tribal Members.

Our journey into our new form of government is going to be one of our biggest challenges. We must look to our future and keep a balance that will keep our tribe growing culturally and financially, while expanding in our newly formed regions. I have managed a small company for more than 20 years. I say small because we started with two employees - the owner and me. We now have yearly sales of over \$1 million.

I have enjoyed attending activities in Rossville and look forward to organizing more cultural events. It is like coming home. My dad Ray Martin and grandparents John Martin & Viola (Burns) Martin all grew up there.

As a member of the Navarre - Burns family I have been taught a respect for my family, culture, history and Creator. I have enjoyed meeting many of you and look forward to working together as our Nation grows.

Theresa Adame
MDWEJEWEN

Edwin Burns (Navarre) - Mesho Legislative District #5



I would like to thank all of you who were kind enough to vote for me, and now I humbly ask for your vote, in this run-off election. I am not a politician or a great speaker, but it would be an honor and a privilege to serve as your legislator, for our great Potawatomi Nation.

My wife and I are both retired, and look forward to serving the needs of our people full-time. I hope to meet and visit with many of you, to see how I can be of help to you.

I am running against a lovely, qualified lady, and I think this is going to be a real horse race. In horse races, old horses finishes last, or they are just put out to pasture.

Well, I'm just not ready for either of those options! Contact me at emb@bresnan.net. **Please Vote!!**

Your friend and brother, Mesho

Vote for
Edwin Burns

CPN hoospter Wolfe in scholarship competition

by Stephen Murphy, Sports Editor,
Stigler News-Sentinel

Winter Wolfe loves basketball, but it does not define who she is. She proved that when, despite being a standout player on her third to eighth grade basketball teams at Canadian, Oklahoma, she decided not to play ball her freshman year of high school. She just wanted to be a normal student.

Wolfe admits her intentions weren't entirely altruistic. "Coming from junior high to high school, I was just scared," she said. Intimidated perhaps by her own potential, she sat her freshman year out to focus on the other aspects of high school. That choice seems to have worked out well. She's currently a member of the student council, is the reigning Homecoming Queen, and was even voted "Ms. CHS" two years in a row - effectively a school-wide popularity contest.

But eventually the hardwood called her back. In her sophomore year, Canadian alum Tommy Pinkley returned to coach the girls' basketball team and he knew he needed to get Wolfe onto the team. Pinkley had gone to school around the same time as Wolfe's older sisters, and he knew that this family could play. So he called Wolfe into his office and told her that he wanted her on the team. She agreed, and hasn't looked back since.

In her first season on varsity, Wolfe averaged 15 points a game to help the Lady Cougars become a legitimate force in Class A. She continued to excel her junior year, and was recognized as the team's "Best Offensive Player." She also led the team in 3-point field goal percentage that year. This year, she is the team's leading scorer and most versatile player.

"She can slash and drive, and also shoot the three," Pinkley said. "When she wants to, she can take over a game." Sometimes she does just that. Against Pittsburg in the conference tournament, Wolfe electrified the Lady Cougars with a 33-point performance to lead them in a dramatic three-point win over the Lady Panthers. She has scored at least 19 points in six games this season.

Wolfe, a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, has been selected to participate in the inaugural Tulsa 66ers Native American All-Star Classic this March and is a candidate for one of their two \$5,000 academic scholarships.

Her mother, Jeannie, couldn't be prouder of her daughter. "She goes to school, practices about an hour, then works a part-



CPN member Winter Wolfe flies for a layup in a recent Canadian High game.

time job at Rio Verde (a local Mexican restaurant), and doesn't get home until 9 p.m." said Jeannie. "And then she starts it all over the next day."

Jeannie left school after the sixth grade to work. She has always stressed the importance of education to her four children. "I want her to go to college," said Jeannie. "We're kind of in a hard spot, putting Winter through college, but it's very important to me that she does."

Winter Wolfe hopes to attend Eastern Oklahoma State University next fall. She says she's not sure if she will play at Eastern, but that their coach wants her to. Somehow, that's not a surprise.

As for the All-Star game Wolfe is anticipating in mid-March, it is being billed as "One arena, six teams, three games, two very special scholarships, and one ticket."

Native American high school basketball will share the floor with the NBA's future stars on Friday, March 14, 2008, as the Tulsa 66ers play host to the "Tulsa 66ers Native American All-Star Classic," featuring Oklahoma Native American high school basketball All-Stars and NBA D-League action, all at Expo Square Pavilion in Tulsa.

Amid the night's basketball action, two deserving seniors will receive a scholarship, funded by proceeds from the game's

ticket sales. One male and one female Native American senior basketball athlete will be awarded the inaugural "Oklahoma Native American Basketball Scholarship."

Tickets will be sold at \$10 each, with \$2 from each sale going back to fund the scholarship. Each ticket purchased can be used for admission into the Girls All-Star game, Boys All-Star game, and the Tulsa 66ers home game.

Scholarship recipients will be determined by a set of guidelines formed by the planning committee, which includes Cathy Wilkins, Executive Director for the Minority Humanitarian Foundation, Inc.; Jean Froman, Tulsa Public Schools Coordinator of Indian Education; Darryl Noble, President of Native Business Network; and Bill Johnnie, Chairman, Minority Humanitarian Foundation, Inc.

The Native American All-Star Girls teams will take the court at 4 p.m. to tip off the day's action. Then, the Native American All-Star Boys teams will tip off at 5 p.m. The basketball does not stop there. The Tulsa 66ers will battle Coach Bob Huffman and the Rio Grande Valley Vipers at 7 p.m.

Ribbonwork classes prove popular

(CPN member Theresa Adame of Topeka participated in a recent ribbonwork class at the CPN Community Center in Rossville, Kansas. She wrote about it for the HowNiKan.)

I contacted Peggy Kinder soon after returning from the Reunion Festival in Shawnee, Oklahoma in June 2007, asking if she would consider teaching a class in ribbonwork for the women in Kansas. For the third time in almost as many months, Peggy has traveled from her home in Gladstone, Missouri to Rossville, Kansas to help us learn about making Potawatomi clothing.

Her first class in the fall taught traditional patterns of ribbonwork for shawls, skirts, and other regalia. It was followed the next month by a demonstration on tying the fringe for our shawls. Our latest class, on January 19, 2008, was a repeat for new students. It was also attended by women from the previous class who are working on their projects.

It has been my privilege to attend all three classes. Peggy began learning at a young age about making her traditional clothing, being taught by her mother, See **RIBBONWORK** on page 22

District 8

Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana,
Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska

I wish to thank everyone who voted for me in the election.
This was an opportunity to serve that was hard to let past.

My choice for District #8 legislator is
Jacqueline Taylor of Astoria, Oregon.
I encourage everyone to vote.

To enable a better sharing of information by candidates and exchange of ideas between the many tribal families independent of the restrictions of tribal rules and commitments, I am seeking to create a database for anyone who wishes to participate to share their personal information (name, address, etc.) in a way that is limited to only what the individuals want to share. If there is enough interest I will work to set up a system, if there is not sufficient interest, I will drop the project.

Clyde B. Slavin
E-mail: clyde.slavin@gmail.com
Home Phone: 360-574-5658

William 'Bill' Pearce CPN Legislative Candidate District #1



45 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN
* EDUCATION

*MANAGEMENT

*GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

*TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Hubert "Hurb" Adams - Legislative District #4

HUBERT LEE ADAMS, known as "Hurb"

Age 69, born on a farm at Bronaugh, Missouri, lived with my parents in Kansas as a child. My wife and I now live in Rossville, Kansas at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation community apartments with other members of our tribe. You are welcome to visit with us whenever you are in the area.

- * Graduated from Nevada High School, Nevada, Missouri, 1955
- * BS in Chemical Engineering, University of Missouri-Rolla, 1960
- * MBA, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, 1971
- * BASF Corporation, 12 years, chemical engineer, operations supervisor for manufacturing
- * Founders Alliance Corporation, 11 years, consultant, vice-president
- * City of Detroit, 14 years, instructor in mathematics and technology with adult students at General Motors, Chrysler, and other locations.
- * Officer in The United States Army, Corps of Engineers, 1.5 years.
- * After retirement, City of Dearborn, part-time building supervisor, 1 year.

While living in Michigan, I was active in studying the history of the Potawatomi people in the Great Lakes area, visiting the historic sites where records are kept, working on the genealogy of the Bourassa and Bertrand families, and researching the books in the Detroit Historical Library. If elected, I believe that my professional expertise and past experiences will enable me to provide an excellent representation for all members of our tribe in the Kansas District. Being retired, I will have plenty of time to listen to the people in my district, and to make your ideas and concerns known in Shawnee, Oklahoma. My past experiences working with budgets, feasibility studies, audits, project planning, time management, legal contracts, and government regulations will enable me to concentrate on the issues with priority and communicate them with effectiveness. The best reason to elect me as your representative is that I not only will give the duties my best effort, but I can really put my heart into it.



Hubert "Hurb" Adams - Legislative District #4



Brian Walker



for DISTRICT 3 LEGISLATOR

District 3 (Texas) Runoff Election

Requests for ballots must be made by:

Sunday, March 9, 2008

Requests may be made online at:

www.cpnelectioncentral.org

or by phone at:

(800) 880-9880

"I'll work hard to make sure that the CPN members outside of Oklahoma begin to benefit directly from the economic success our tribe has begun to enjoy."

Brian K. Walker

Descendant of Helcel and Vieux Families

Attorney for Disabled Veterans

Former Assistant District Attorney

Former Legislative Assistant

Adjunct Professor of Government

Former Asst. Sergeant at Arms of Texas State Senate

Former Texas Senate Messenger

Questions?

briankwalker@hotmail.com

(903) 263-8555 Cell Phone

DAVID BARRETT

for Legislative District #10

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you who cast your votes and supported me in this Primary Election, in which I had the largest number of votes. We are now in a run-off and need to look closer at the those *QUALIFICATIONS* that are important to a CPN Legislator.

- * Ability to understand contracts, financial statements, and federal regulations
- * Long-range vision while accomplishing short range objectives
- * Ability to cooperate and compromise with other members of the Legislative, the Judicial, and the Executive branches in the best interests of the entire tribe
- * Computer literacy
- * Culture knowledge or a willingness to learn and disseminate the traditions of the tribe

As I've said in previous ads, I firmly believe I meet these qualifications.

I have 35 years of experience producing economic growth for the ventures or corporations for which I have worked. With this experience, I have extensive knowledge in these areas: Ability to work closely with an in-house CEO or one located out-of-state; Management-by-objective and long-range planning; team-player concepts; Group think tanks; Corporate/Branch relationships; Teleconferencing; Hands-on collaboration with Attorneys, Auditors, and Contractors; computer literacy; and preparing budgets, making forecasts, and meeting deadlines. I am proud of my Citizen Potawatomi heritage and in learning my culture.

I have served as a board member of First National Bank & Trust since 2002 and have been elected to the Grievance Committee for the last two terms. First National Bank & Trust doubled in size during my tenure. The other board members and I are proud of the bank's achievements.

I have worked for major corporations in Oklahoma as a Financial Controller since receiving a Masters in Business from Oklahoma City University and a BBA in Accounting from the University of Oklahoma.

Some of the *DUTIES* of the CPN Legislator

- * Pass all tribal laws: Regulatory, Civil, and Criminal
- * Appropriate all monies for specific purposes, and create jobs positions
- * Confirm or deny appointments made by the executive branch
- * Represent the entire Citizen Potawatomi Nation's needs and desires
- * Encourage the expansion of the cultural and governmental participation



David Barrett with grandson Drake, wife Connie, daughter Allison, daughter-in-law Kristi, who is a member of the Potawatomi Slavin family, and son Chad.

"I would like to thank candidate James Blevins for his endorsement." - David Barrett

"I saw all candidates in District 10 to be aptly qualified for the position. It is my opinion, however, that business leadership experience is essential in this matter. It is for that reason that I am endorsing David Barrett for District 10 legislator." -

David Barrett - Legislative District #10

The David Barrett family knows the Citizen Potawatomi Nation

David Barrett and his family have a vast knowledge of how the CPN operates its enterprises and government programs. David and wife Connie have been married for 36 years. David is a member of the Bourassa family. He is extremely proud to be a CPN member and is dedicated to discharging the Nation's responsibilities to future generations. David's great-great-grandmother was Mnitouqua 'Spirit Woman'. She married Leon Bourassa.

"I will bring to the table fair, impartial and independent thinking, hard work, honesty, and business leadership. I would like the opportunity to serve those who voted for me and earn the votes of those who did not. Reviewing the above qualifications and duties of the CPN Legislator I have the knowledge and experience of the above requirements to qualify me as your Oklahoma Legislator to represent you and serve the whole Nation equally to the best of my abilities. Please be part of electing the first Legislator for District #10 by voting and contacting others to vote for me." - David Barrett

Vote for David Barrett - Legislative District #10

William 'Bill' Pearce

CPN Legislative Candidate

District #1



I hope my qualifications and vision for the future of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation will help get your vote. I am a descendant of the Burnett family. My grandfather, William Pearce, and grandmother, Carrie Wickens, met as students at the Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kansas. My father went to school at Sacred Heart Academy in St. Louis, Oklahoma.

I was born in Ponca City, OK and lived for a time in Purcell, OK before my family moved to Buffalo, NY. I have kept in touch with CPN by attending regional meetings and Pow Wows over the years and have witnessed the amazing growth of our tribe. My daughter, Margaret Pearce, one of my six children, spent her summer as a volunteer at our nation's library in the single building the Potawatomis had at that time, 22 years ago. Many other family members, children and siblings have attended regional meetings and Pow Wows.

My background in education at the elementary, secondary and university levels in this country and in Japan I believe gives me the experience to help the continuing growth of CPN opportunities for all tribal members, young and old. With wider educational goals in mind, I built and operated two public television stations, in Plainview on Long Island and in Rochester, NY and added two NPR radio stations, an FM and an AM, in Rochester.

As President and General Manager of these organizations I have had many years experience lobbying local and federal government officials and politicians.

Today, I am a Media Consultant to non-profit organizations, a primary client being the Seneca Indian site, Ganondagan, in Victor, NY.

I envision a day not too far away, when CPN incentives, such as scholarships, will assist our tribal sisters and brothers in greater participation not only in tribal matters but in commercial and political positions throughout our United States. With our new Constitution, Potawatomis and American Indians will play a greater role in our society. You are voting for seven generations to come. Please vote.

Megwetch,
William Pearce

Resume of William J. Pearce

Education

1982	Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania - Executive Management Program
1976	Harvard University - Advanced Management Development Program
1958-59	Syracuse University Graduate School - M.S. Radio and Television
1953-55	University of Connecticut - 34 hours Education Courses
1949-51	University of Miami - B.A. English Major, Philosophy Minor

Professional Experience

1996 - Present	Media Consultant
1969-96	President and General Manager, WXXI-TV, AM/FM and Reachout Radio, Rochester, NY
1984-85	Lecturer, Dept. of Communications, SUNY Brockport, NY
1968-69	General Manager, WLIW-TV, Long Island, NY
1966-68	Consultant in ETV & Executive Producer, City School District, Rochester, NY
1961-66	Director, Radio and Television, Brown University

1959-61	TV Producer/Director - New York State Education Dept.
1956-58	Teacher, Dept. of Air Force Dependent Schools, Tokyo Japan Teacher, Sakakabara English Language School, Tokyo, Japan
1953-56	Teacher, East Lyme Public Schools, East Lyme, CT

Major Awards

Peabody	Radio Production, FASCINATING RHYTHM, 1994
Peabody	TV Production, SAFE HAVEN, 1987
ABA	Silver Gavel Award, Public Affairs Programming, 1987
ABA	Silver Gavel Award, Public Affairs Programming, 1985

Other Affiliations

- * Listed in Who's Who in America
- * Military: United States Navy
- * Native American Public Television Association, Lincoln, NE
- * Consultant: Institute of Fellows: Rochester Institute of Technology
- * Board of Directors, Consultant, Ganondagan, Seneca Indian Site, Victor, NY
- * Tribal Member: Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Shawnee, OK

Vote for **William 'Bill' Pearce**

Quality Housing for Quality People




- * The CPN offers a quality-of-life upgrade at its CPN Elders Village in beautiful, friendly Rossville, Kansas. The spacious housing units offer two bedrooms and come equipped with ALL major appliances.
- * All of this is available for a sliding scale rent that maxes out at \$250/month. **YOU WILL PAY NO MORE THAT !!**
- * For a short time only, **your seventh month is free** with a one-year commitment.
- * We are developing a shuttle service to transport our Potawatomi residents to locations in Rossville and nearby Topeka for medically necessary reasons.

Enhance your quality of life!

Call Scott George at 405-273-2833 or 800-880-9880 for more important details.



- * The CPN Elders Village is a short walk or a quick car trip from anything you need in Rossville. Topeka, the Kansas capitol, with all the shopping, entertainment, medical services, and other amenities you need is a very short 15-minute trip away.
 - * Rossville is traditional Potawatomi land; reminders of our past are everywhere. The people of Rossville are very welcoming and accommodating.
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- * Groups of Potawatomis from in and around Rossville are using the community center for social activities and learning opportunities. Recently, there have been dress-making and powwow dance classes.

Ribbonwork, con't. from page 17

grandmother, aunt, uncles, and numerous other family members. She has done work for the CPN that is on display in Shawnee, Oklahoma. She has also done traditional clothing for women across the country.

Our hope is to continue our gatherings once a month, possibly getting other artists in the area to teach us their skills.

Peggy has graciously accepted our invitation to teach a ladies dance class. She has been honored as head lady dancer over the years, and she enjoys helping others in any way she can. We hope for a large attendance. We will be instructed on Southern Cloth style dance basics, songs, and what to listen for. We will meet on Saturday March 8, 2008 at the Rossville Potawatomi Community Center. The session will begin at 9:00 a.m. with sewing. At noon, we will break for a potluck lunch, with dance lessons after lunch.

If you are interested or have questions

please call me, Theresa Adame, at 785-845-8588 or e-mail me at temada@aol.com. Peggy Kinder's email address is pkinder@kc.rr.com. In addition, anyone interested in doing a demonstration at one of our meetings can contact Peggy or me.

Please feel free to join us for any part of the day. If you have a shawl please bring it with you.

**Plan for family fun
at the
Citizen Potawatomi
Nation
Family Reunion Festival**

June 27, 28, 29, 2008

Citizen Potawatomi Nation * Request for Ballot * 2008 Run-off Election

Name _____ DoB ____/____/____
(Please Print)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I reside within the boundaries of CPN Legislative District No. _____.
(If you live in Oklahoma, write Oklahoma in the blank above.)

Under penalty of perjury, I hereby declare this to be my legal signature and Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal roll number.

Signature _____ Tribal Roll # _____

Must be postmarked no later than March 9, 2008

To obtain an Absentee Ballot, cut out the Absentee Ballot Request Form above and mail it to CPN Election Committee, P.O. Box 310, Tecumseh, OK 74873.



CITIZEN POTAWATOMI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

CPCDC Success Story:

Flanagan's Licensed Avon Beauty Center

The Ozarks of Missouri are about to become a bit more beautiful. At least that's the hope of Patrick and Teresa Flanagan. If you're familiar with the area, their business, Flanagan's Licensed Avon Beauty Center - LABC (located at 5225 N. 17th St.)- is just a "threwed roll" away from Lambert's Café - a notable tourist stop en route to Branson, Missouri. In addition to providing a full line of AVON cosmetics, jewelry, men's and women's fragrances, purses, and more, Flanagan's LABC is also one of the Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation's recent clients.

When asked why they started their retail store, the Flanagans responded that they are sold on the quality and value of AVON products and wanted to share their

experience with the Ozark and surrounding communities.

"Our customers love the fact that they can come to our AVON Store and pick up items without waiting several weeks for their orders to come in. We have samples in store so they can try it before they buy it. This convenience keeps them coming back!"

Opening the store didn't happen without some challenges. "As with most businesses, startup capital was a challenge for us," recalls Mr. Flanagan. "We [unsuccessfully] explored traditional small business financing at local banks. Providing sufficient collateral was the primary hurdle."

After learning about the CPCDC on the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Web site (www.potawatomi.org), the Flanagans

became intrigued with the small business loan programs offered. Seeking a solution to a lack of seed capital, they decided to call. "The representatives were friendly and professional. They expressed a true concern for our business needs and provided valuable input..."

The Flanagans put together their business plan and projected financials. Within weeks of their initial call, they had the funding necessary to help them pay for their start-up inventory. Comparing the CPCDC to the traditional financial resources they explored, the Flanagans realized a big difference. "The funding came at an important time for us to keep inventory on our shelves at a critical time in our business start up. [But], specifically, their advice helped us manage our

inventory."

As their business grows, the Flanagans are already anticipating working with the CPCDC for expansion capital. "To the friendly people at CPCDC, we just want to say 'Thank you' and 'We look forward to a long and prosperous relationship! Keep up the good work!'" In reply, the CPCDC says 'Thank you!' to the Flanagans and wishes them well.

So, the next time you're in the Ozarks, remember to stop in and say "Bozho!" to Patrick and Teresa. See for yourself why the Flanagans and the CPCDC think the Ozarks are just a bit more beautiful. If you don't get around much, customers can also order from their online AVON brochure at www.youravon.com/pflanagan.

Pump Up Your Paydays

By Jennifer Delcamp

For all of us, there may be times in our lives when we find ourselves strapped for cash. Even though I have worked at least a full-time job since college, there have been times that I have found myself with a need for extra cash. I've had extra part-time jobs, ranging from garden center stocker to mortgage appraiser assistant to gourmet cookware salesperson. Of course, I'd rather spend my extra time relaxing. But I can tell you that if I don't have to worry so much about how to pay the bills, that's worth giving up a day at the pool anytime. Here are some tips to help you increase your income and cut expenses:

\$ Take an additional job. Although you might not immediately like the idea of working two jobs, examine all the possibilities. Could you work a part-time seasonal job to cover periodic expenses such as Christmas presents? If you are a stay-

at-home parent, could you work from home? Could your older children work to cover some of their own expenses? What about just working a couple of days per week? Even a minimum-wage job at 10 hours per week could bring in more than \$250.00 per month. That might be enough to cover some groceries, a utility bill, etc.

\$ Examine your payroll deductions. If you typically get a large tax refund, you might consider reducing the amount that is withheld from your check. Do not cut too much since you won't want to owe at the end of the tax season. You can view publication 919 at www.irs.gov to see how to adjust your withholding. If you have a while before retirement, temporarily reducing voluntary investment contributions might help you free up enough cash to get yourself out of a tight spot.

\$ Sell your stuff. If you find yourself strapped for cash, garage sales can be a great way to make money. You can ask neighbors to collaborate with you to have a multi-family sale to attract more cus-

tomers. If you have more specialized items to offer, consider selling them at an on-line auction. They can be huge moneymakers. Reputable consignment shops can be a great place to sell clothes, furniture, and other items.

\$ Be Creative. Are you crafty? Can you cook or draw? Craft shows can be great places to earn money. Do you have a special skill, like painting, decorating, sewing, lawn care, or pet care? People will pay you to do things they are unable or unwilling to do themselves.

\$ Take it back. After buying things, do you later regret the purchase and having never used or worn what you bought? If so, take the items back. Even if you have to accept store credit instead of cash, you can use it for something you really need.

\$ Cancel costly services. It's a lot less expensive to walk around the block than to continue paying for a gym membership. Do you really have to have all those minutes on your cell phone or all of the features on your home phone? Can you scale

back or cancel it altogether?

\$ Examine your insurance. Does your insurance have cash value against which you could borrow? Have you shopped around for rates to make sure you are getting the best deal? Could you increase your deductible to reduce your premium?

\$ Eat in. Although eating out can be very convenient, it can also be incredibly expensive. If you're always on the go, could you take your lunch in one of those mini-coolers? If you must eat out, look for coupons or special offers.

During tough times, with a little ingenuity, you can find income from unexpected places. I once had a client who told me that she and her husband bought puppies from small towns, brought them into the city and sold them for a profit. If puppy-peddling isn't for you, brainstorm with your friends and family to come up with creative ways to pump up your paydays. Any extra income can make a world of difference during hard times.

Vice Chairman's Column

February 2, 2008 was a monumentally historical event for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Congratulations to our new legislators: Ron Goyer, District 6; Thom Finks, District 7; Paul Wesselhoft, District 9; and Lisa Kraft, District 11.

Congratulations are also in order for those who made the run-off elections which will be held March 29. The candidates are, in alphabetical order within the district listings: Bill Pearce and Roy Slavin from District 1; Ralph Bazhaw and Eva Marie Carney from District 2; Brian Walker and Robert Whistler from District 3; Theresa Adame and Hubert Adams from District 4; Ed Burns and Gene Lambert from District 5; William Anderson and Jacqueline Taylor from District 8; and David Barrett and Jason O'Neal from District 10.

The number of run-off elections and the quality of the candidates are directly related. In fact, from the very beginning of this election, all candidates who filed were excellent choices. Any one, if elected, would make our tribal membership proud. In addition, throughout the whole election process, the Election Committee has done an exemplary job! I appreciate each of the Election Committee members for their diligence.

By now, you should have received information on the run-off election of March 29 and the June 28 election. The absentee ballots are more important now



than ever before. Gary Bourbonnais, Chairman of the Election Committee, shared some vital information with me regarding the election. Several dozen votes were disallowed because of the following: 1) The request for ballot did not have a tribal roll number and/or signature; 2) The tribal roll number on the request for ballot was incorrect; 3) The request for ballot arrived here after the deadline; or 4) The ballot came in after the deadline.

Thank you for participating in your tribal government by getting out your vote. We want all the votes to count so please be careful to request your ballot correctly and/or get your ballot mailed back in a timely manner.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve as your Vice Chairman.

ROY SLAVIN - LEGISLATOR DISTRICT ONE

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Ralph Bergeron Bazhaw *Nishbon'sek* Legislative District #2



Family: Great Grandson of Watcheekee, daughter of Chief Joseph and Monaska. Grandfather, Charles Bergeron, and Father, Robert Bergeron (Bazhaw), were on original tribal rolls of Citizen Band Potawatomi. Ralph and wife, Lois, have a son, Ron, and a daughter, Lana, and five grandsons. They reside in Pleasant Garden, North Carolina.

Education: Graduate, Cement, Oklahoma High School; BSEE, Oklahoma State University; Masters Certificate Project Management, George Washington University

Experience: Retired after 31 years in telecommunications for the Bell System (engineering, sales, and project management.) Currently instructor GTCC and high school basketball referee. Ralph shares his heritage with children and adults at schools, nursing homes, and other organizations

Education - Experience - Heritage - Bridging the Generations

Ralph is a man with a deep spiritual center who can bring people together using wisdom of the past to solve the problems of today. He possesses the foresight to plan for the future.

"With the help of the Great Spirit, I offer myself in service to my people. I would appreciate your vote." - Ralph Bazhaw

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2. Copy of a Warranty Deed
3. A Photo ID
4. Residence in Pottawatomie, Cleveland, Lincoln, Oklahoma, or Logan county